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Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

Bob,

Attached is the itinerary for a trip we are putting together for a group of NFAC managers. The objectives of the trip are to provide a better understanding of the equipment and operating capabilities of the present imagery collection systems and to provide some understanding of exploitation capabilities planned for the next five years or so. The latter is particularly relevant to our future ability to monitor possible arms agreements.

I don't hold out much hope that either you or Sayre will be able to afford as much time as the trip will entail, but I thought I'd let you know about it just in case. Indeed, such a trip may well be too nitty-gritty for your needs.

In light of recent intelligence problems involving imagery analysis, such as Korean order-of-battle, Floggers in Cuba, and Backfire production, however, I am concerned that we have not done as good a job as we should have in acquainting you with the imagery analysis resources that you have at your disposal in NFAC. To remedy this, I urge you to try to find a morning or afternoon some time in your schedule over the next few weeks to visit the Office of Imagery Analysis. I'm convinced that the opportunity to meet some of our analysts and be able to interact with them directly will give you a far better appreciation of one of your important analytical assets than I can convey with a briefing at Headquarters. (A very important side benefit of such a visit would be the morale boost that your presence in our remote location would provide.)

If you agree that such a visit would be worthwhile, please let me know and I will work out the details with [redacted] I promise that we will try to make the best possible use of any time you can afford to spend with us.

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Noel E. Firth

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NOTE FOR: Director, OIA

FROM:

[Redacted]

SA/D/NFAC

Noel,

I have not been able to get the attached memo into Mr. Bowie and what with his impending briefing of the President, as well as his forthcoming trip [Redacted] feel that we probably ought to save the idea until he is back and can plan time to make the visit. So I am returning this to you in the hope that you might once again write a new memo that simply focuses on the third paragraph of the one you sent me and extends the invitation. Mr. Bowie will be back from [Redacted] on Monday, 4 December, and I should think getting something in toward the end of that week would do just fine.

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